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1. Estonian culture, in the form of songs and folklore, is encouraged up to a point, as long as it does not become anti-Communist. At public gatherings songs are sung in Estonian, but they are translations of Russian songs. 25X1
2. Although the Soviet nationality policy has achieved negligible success in Estonia, it is possible that it will achieve greater success with the next generation, who will have been conditioned to propaganda from childhood.
3. Soviet economic policy, however, has had somewhat more success in Estonia, especially since 1953. The food situation was tolerable by 1953, and since then the stocks in the shops have improved strikingly in quantity, although not in quality. Footwear and clothing were much more easily obtainable than formerly. Household pots and pans, which had formerly been very scarce, became relatively easy to obtain. The sugar shortage disappeared entirely, and by 1954 sugar could be bought freely in any quantity. The Kaubastukaskus, a sort of cooperative chain store in Estonia, opened many new branches during 1953 and 1954. The Univermag is unknown in Estonia.
4. These economic benefits have undoubtedly weakened the antipathy of the Estonian people to Communism, if not their antipathy to the Great Russians. Official propaganda has, of course, given the credit for the improvement in conditions to the elimination of the capitalist class in 1944 and of the kulaks in the mass deportations of 1949. If the economic situation again becomes poor under the Bulganin Government, the Estonian people will look back with regret at the "good old Malenkov days of the one step back before the two steps forward". 25X1

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